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SUBJ: IRAQI PRESIDENT STOPS OVER IN BULGARIA

BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD

REF: SOFIA 794

1. PRESS JULY 1 ANNOUNCED THAT IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR RETURNED TO BULGARIA PREVIOUS DAY FOR BRIEF STOPOVER IN VARNA. ACCORDING TO REPORT HE SPENT UNDETERMINED TIME MEETING WITH BULGARIAN FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER TANO TSOLOV BEFORE CONTINUING TRIP TO BAGHDAD.

2. COMMENT: WE FIND IT MOST UNUSUAL THAT BAKR WOULD RETURN FOLLOWING STATE VISIT. PRESENCE OF HIGH BULGARIAN PARTY AND STATE OFFICIALS LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT STOPOVER WAS PRE-ARRANGED AND NOT RESULT OF MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY OR WORD OF ATTEMPTED COUP. POSSIBLY BULGARIANS SOUGHT MEETING AS LAST EFFORT TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES WHICH AROSE DURING STATE VISIT. THERE IS NO INDICATION IF THEY SUCCEEDED.

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